

BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF THE TOWN OF POOLE

ANNUAL REPORT
ON THE
HEALTH OF THE BOROUGH
FOR THE YEAR

1942

by

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Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In submitting the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough for the year 1942, I have presented the essential statistical data and have omitted, as requested by the Ministry of Health, comments and details ordinarily recorded in peacetime.

The health of the people of Poole has remained satisfactory in spite of the abnormal conditions caused by the war, and the state of nutrition of school children has been well maintained. The incidence of infectious disease has not been above average, the only disease calling for comment being diphtheria of a malignant type. The high level of immunisation safeguarded the community from a serious outbreak, but there were some deaths in unprotected children.

During the year additional accommodation for the nursing staff at the Infectious Diseases Hospital was completed, and the conversion of a temporary open ward into a cubicle block was carried out. An Assistant Medical Officer for Port Health and Civil Defence duties was appointed, and a Scabies Treatment Centre staffed by Civil Defence workers was opened at Longfleet Gardens in a building loaned by the Dorset County Council.

The arrangements for Orthopaedic treatment under the School Medical and Child Welfare Services were discontinued at the Cornelia Hospital and new arrangements were made under a scheme operating in the County Boroughs of Bournemouth and Southampton and in the County of Hampshire.

During the second half of 1942 a concerted effort was made to secure the immunisation against diphtheria of all children under 15 years, and particularly those under 5 years of age. Advantage was taken of the campaign under the direction of the Ministry of Health to publicise the advantages of immunisation. Three temporary centres for immunisation were opened at Broadstone, Newtown, and Hamworthy, in addition to the two centres at Poole and Parkstone and with the help of the Health Visitors an excellent response was obtained, 1925 children being dealt with, of whom 1033 were under five years of age. (The number for the first half of 1942 was 897, of whom 317 were under five,) At the year's end it was estimated that 92.8% of the school population and 49% of the children under five had been immunised.

The organisation and administration of the Civil Defence & Casualty Services and other A.R.P. duties for which the Medical Officer of Health is responsible have taken up time and effort normally devoted to preventive medicine, but the general efficiency of the department has been maintained.

The work and responsibilities of the Port Medical Service have increased considerably, but details must of necessity be omitted for the present. They ^{are} available for publication in a post-war report.

My sincere thanks are due to members of the Committees concerned with the activities of the Health Department for their willing support, to the members of the staff of the Department for their active co-operation and assistance, and to the officials of other Departments for their help and collaboration at all times.

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Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND PORT HEALTH COMMITTEE

Chairman: Councillor W.J.Stickland.
Vice-Chairman: Councillor D.A.Haynes, J.P.
His Worship the Mayor: Councillor J.Bright, J.P.

Aldermen

F.J.Bacon, J.P. W.C.J.Shortt.
M.J.Wheatley, C.B.E., J.P.

Councillors

S.D.Ballam, E.H.P.Bristowe.
E.Coleman. N.W.Douglas-Matheson, D.S.O., M.C.
A.B.Haynes. Miss M.M.Llewellyn, J.P.
Sir James Marchant, K.B.E. F.C.Reeves, M.M.
J.W.Russell, J.P.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Councillor Miss M.M.Llewellyn, J.P.
Vice-Chairman: Councillor C.W.Aldridge.

Alderman M.J.Wheatley, C.B.E., J.P. Councillor H.J.Messer.
Councillor A.B.Haynes. Councillor Mrs.K.A.M.Macandrew, J.P.
Councillor M.Hatcher. Councillor A.Penn.
(on active service)

Co-opted Members

Mrs.Densham. Mrs. Richards.
Mrs.Dewhirst. Mrs. Roberts.
Lady Ommanney. Mrs. Sansom.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Chairman: Alderman H.S.Carter, J.P.
 Vice-Chairman: Councillor H.J.Cole.
 His Worship the Mayor: Councillor J.Bright, J.P.

Aldermen

F.J.Bacon, J.P. H.W.Grabb.
 W.C.J.Shortt. M.J.Wheatley, C.B.E., J.P.

Councillors

Miss M.M.Llewellyn, J.P. A.J.H.Poarse.
 Mrs. K.A.M.Macandrew, J.P. F.C.Reeves, M.M.
 A.Penn. W.J.Stickland.

Co-opted Members

Miss L.E.Barker. Canon Barton
 Miss Budge. Mr. R.F.Tarrant.
 Miss Jefferys, B.A. The Rev.P.D.Leahy.
 Mrs. M.J.Carter, B.A.

GENERAL STATISTICS

- (1) Area of Borough. 15,641 acres, not including 2,220 acres
 of tidal waters and foreshore.
- (2) Population. a. As at Census, 1931 57,211
 b. As estimated by Registrar-
 General at 30th. June, 1942 . . . 69,940
 c. National Registration, 1939 . . . 77,954
- (3) Total Number of Inhabited Houses (from Rate Books)
 As at December, 1941 21,252
 1942 21,271
- (4) Rateable Value at 1st. April, 1942 £648,953
 Sum represented by a Penny Rate £2,491

SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND UNEMPLOYMENT

For recent years the condition of the labour market has been as shown below:-

Year	Average of Unemployment	Unemployment as at December	Relief as at December
1931-1935	1543	1748	1655
1936-1940	1177	1039	1414
1940	Not available	Not available	774
1941	do.	do.	724
1942	do.	do.	602

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1942

As supplied by the Registrar General.

	Total	Male	Female
LIVE BIRTHS			
Total registered	1253	653	580
Legitimate	1145	607	536
Illegitimate .. .	90	46	44
STILLBIRTHS			
Total registered	44	23	21
Legitimate	41	21	20
Illegitimate . . .	3	2	1
DEATHS			
Total registered. . .	953	482	471
MATERNAL MORTALITY			
Deaths from puerperal causes-			
Puerperal sepsis ..	Nil		-
Other puerperal causes	2		2
Total	2		2
DEATHS FROM SPECIAL CAUSES			
Cancer	127	67	60
Whooping Cough .. .	Nil	-	-
Measles	1	1	-
Scarlet Fever . . .	Nil	-	-
Diphtheria	9	3	6
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	3	2	1

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
INFANT MORTALITY			
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age			
Total registered	58	37	21
Legitimate	51	34	17
Illegitimate	7	3	4

Comparative Statistics
(Where available)

	<u>Poole</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
BIRTH RATE per 1,000 estimated resident population, mid-1942	17.6	15.8
STILLBIRTH RATE per 1,000 population	0.63	0.54
DEATH RATE per 1,000 estimated average population	13.6	11.6
MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE per 1,000 total (live and still) births		
Puerperal sepsis	Nil	
Other causes	1.6	2.01
DEATH RATE OF INFANTS under 1 year of age		
All infants per 1,000 live births ..	47.0	49.0
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	44.6	
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	77.8	
DEATH RATES per 1,000 estimated average population		
Tuberculosis - pulmonary	0.56	
- non-pulmonary	0.07	
Cancer	1.8	
Measles	0.00	
Diphtheria	0.05	
Diarrhoea (under 2 years) per 1,000 live births.	2.43	5.2

VITAL STATISTICS

Year	Mid-Year Population	Infantile Mortality per 1,000 Births	Per 1,000 of Population				
			Birth Rate	Marriage Rate	Death Rate (uncor- rected)	Cancer Death Rate	Pulmonary Tubercul- osis Death Rate
1900	18991	131	27.7		15.3	1.3	0.9
1905	21804	113	26.7		15.7	0.8	1.3
1910	34268	82	26.0	15.4	12.7	1.1	1.1
1915	42800	93	18.7	18.6	13.2	0.9	0.8
1920	43400	75	23.6	22.0	10.8	1.2	0.9
1925	46150	71.7	18.1	16.7	11.7	1.6	0.71
1930	56150	57.6	16.7	15.4	12.39	1.87	0.85
1935	65600	44.0	16.0	16.8	11.7	1.84	0.79
1940	72820	61.8	14.0	20.1	13.1	2.02	0.51
1941	69960	53.5	15.0	19.3	13.5	2.0	0.51
1942	69940	47.0	17.6	18.7	13.5	1.8	0.56
England & Wales 1942	-	49.0	15.8	-	11.6	-	-

INFANT MORTALITY

Corrected Deaths from Stated Causes

Causes of Death	Total	Under 1 week	1 - 2 weeks	2 - 3 weeks	3 - 4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 9 months	9 - 12 months	Total 4 weeks to 1 yr.	TOTAL	
												Male	Female
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heart Disease	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Bronchitis	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia and Broncho-pneumonia	6	-	2	1	-	3	1	-	1	1	3	5	1
Premature Birth	19	19	-	-	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	12	7
Congenital Malformations	5	2	2	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	1	3	2
Atelectasis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anaemia	2	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	2	3
Other Causes	24	8	2	1	-	11	6	7	-	-	13	15	9
TOTAL	58	30	8	2	-	40	9	7	1	1	18	37	21

Causes of Death during the Year 1942
(Supplied by the Registrar General)

Causes of Death				Causes of Death			
	M. F.		Total all ages		M. F.		Total all ages
	M.	F.			M.	F.	
1. Typhoid & Paratyphoid Fevers	-	-	-	19. Heart Disease	147	137	284
2. Cerebro-Spinal Fever	-	1	1	20. Other Disease of the Circulatory System	13	21	34
3. Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	21. Bronchitis	18	7	25
4. Whooping Cough	-	-	-	22. Pneumonia	17	14	31
5. Diphtheria	3	6	9	23. Other Respiratory Diseases	7	8	15
6. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	20	20	40	24. Ulcer of the Stomach or Duodenum	10	2	12
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis	1	4	5	25. Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	2	1	3
8. Syphilitic Disease	4	1	5	26. Appendicitis	2	-	2
9. Influenza	3	2	5	27. Nephritis	16	19	35
10. Measles	1	-	1	28. Other Digestive Diseases	12	19	31
11. Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	-	-	-	29. Puerperal and Post-Abortive Sepsis	-	-	-
12. Acute Infectious Encephalitis	1	-	1	30. Other Maternal Causes	-	2	2
13. (M) Cancer of Buccal Cavity & Oesophagus (F). Cancer of Uterus	8	-	8	31. Premature Births	13	6	19
14. Cancer of Stomach & Duodenum	-	8	8	32. Congenital Malformations (birth injury, infantile diseases)	-	-	-
15. Cancer of Breast	16	14	30	33. Suicide	8	11	19
16. Cancer of all other sites	-	7	7	34. Road Traffic Accident	4	4	8
17. Diabetes	43	31	74	35. Other Violent Causes	7	1	8
18. Intra-Cranial Vascular Disease	45	10	12	36. All other causes	27	16	43
	2			TOTAL	5	55	85
	47	44	91		482	471	953

POPULATION AND HOUSING

Several factors have operated to break the comparability of the tables given in previous years. Evacuation, reception, billeting, requisitioning, industrial migration, conscription, have all exerted their influence.

A decennial census was due in 1941, but for obvious reasons - the general re-shuffling of the population in response to industrial and other present demands - was not undertaken.

The actual number of officially recognised evacuees living in the Borough on 31st. December, 1942 was:-

Unaccompanied children	342
Accompanied children	165
Mothers and other adults	<u>303</u>
TOTAL	<u>810</u>

GENERAL POSITION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Public Health Department

Staff

Medical Officer of Health	} R.J.Maule Horne, M.A.(Hons), M.B.,Ch.B., F.Sc., D.P.H., retired 13.7.42
School Medical Officer	
Port Medical Officer	
Superintendent of Borough Infectious Diseases Hospital	
	George Chesney, M.D., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H. Deputy M.O.H. (on active service from Sept.1939) Appointed 19.7.42
Assistant Medical Officers of Health (Temporary)	Henry D.Kelf, M.R.C.S.,L.R.C.P.,D.P.H. James A.Sinclair, M.B.,E.Ch.,D.P.H. Appointed 18.10.42
Senior Sanitary Inspector	P.W.Wheeler, M.R.S.I., Poole District
Sanitary Inspectors	C.A.Trim, Cert.R.S.I. Branksome "
	J.Power, Cert. R.S.I. Longfleet "
	C.Glover, Cert. R.S.I. (on active service from Aug.1939)
	R.Leggat, Cert. R.S.I. Canford District
Matron Borough Infectious Diseases Hospital	Miss D.L.Doyle, S.R.N., R.F.N., S.C.M.

Superintendent Health Visitor Miss M.H.Kingsbury, S.R.N., S.C.M., A.R.S.I.
and Supervisor of Midwives

Health Visitors and School
Nurses

Miss H.H.Dolanore, S.R.N., S.C.M., A.R.S.I.
Miss L.B.Lever, S.R.N., S.C.M., R.F.N.
Miss E.A.Sydenham, Cert. Nurse.
Miss T.Smurthwaite, S.R.N., S.C.M., C.R.S.I.
Miss A.Waters, S.R.N., S.C.M., resigned

19.3.42

Miss M.Phillips, S.R.N., S.C.M., C.R.S.I.
appointed 7.4.42

Miss D.E.Wooton, S.R.N., S.C.M., C.R.S.I.,
resigned 25.7.42

Miss M.I.Lewis, S.R.N., C.R.S.I., appointed
28.9.42

Dental Nurse

Miss G.Forrest, appointed 1.9.42

Municipal Midwives

Miss I.Bellringer, S.R.N., S.C.M.
Mrs.D.Collings, S.R.N., S.C.M.
Miss E.Crompton, S.C.M.
Miss L.Forrest, S.R.N., S.C.M.
Miss G.H.Maynard, S.R.N., S.C.M.
Miss M.O'Leary, S.R.N., S.C.M.
Miss M.Ibbetson, S.R.N., S.C.M., resigned
26.2.42

Miss K.J.Hilton, S.R.N., S.C.M., resigned
11.3.42

Miss E.Gibbons, S.C.M., appointed 13.4.42

Miss M.B.Hilton, S.R.N., S.C.M., appointed
20.4.42

Chief Clerk

F.B.Edwards

Clerks

Miss E.I.Tapper
Miss K.D.Codd
Miss P.E.A.Giles
A.F.Stuckey (on active service)
D.J.Cartridge (on active service)
A.Barrington (on active service)

Temporary Clerks

Miss B.Potley, resigned 25.7.42
D.Baker, resigned 21.5.42
P.Ford
R.Hyder
F.Haskell. appointed 11.5.42
Miss I.Sparrey, appointed 4.8.42
Miss C.Roberts, appointed 5.8.42

CONSULTANT AND PART TIME SPECIALISTS

Obstetrical Consultant and) Consultant under Puerperal) Pyrexia Regulations)	S.Gordon Luker, M.A., M.D., B.Ch., M.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., F.C.O.G.,
Ophthalmic Surgeon	T.R.Aynsley, M.B., D.O.M.S. F.R.C.S.
Orthopaedic Surgeon	N.Ross Smith, M.B., Ch.M., / (to July 1942) H.H.Langston, F.R.C.S. (from Sept. 1942)
Orthopaedic Masseuse	Mrs.D.Beale, M.E., L.E.T., C.S.M.M.G. Appointed Sept. 1942.
Nose and Throat Surgeons	A.Mackenzie Ross, M.B., Ch.B. D.L.O. C.R.Salkeld, B.A., F.R.C.S., (on active service)
Radiologist	D.D.Malpas, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
Anaesthetist	J.C.A.Norman, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
Dental Surgeons	L.B.Myers, L.D.S., M.B.E. R.G.S.Holmes, L.D.S.
Public Analysts	C.G.Moor, M.A., F.I.C. R.Pendrill Charles, M.D., F.I.C.
Veterinary Surgeon	J.S.Wood, M.R.C.V.S.

Public Health Laboratories Facilities for the examination of public health laboratory specimens are available at the branch of the Dorset County Laboratory at the Municipal Buildings, Poole, Sir Robert Archibald, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.D., being the bacteriologist in charge, and at the County Laboratory, Dorchester, under the direction of Dr. T.V.Cooper.

Ambulance Facilities)
Home Nursing) The arrangement outlined in the Report for 1938 remains unchanged.

Clinic and Treatment Centres

- (a) School Clinic -
 67 Market Street, Poole) Daily 9 - 10.30 during school
 Old Council Buildings, Branksome) sessions
- (b) Ante-natal Clinic
 Cornelia Hospital Weekly - Thursday afternoon
- (c) Infant Welfare Centres
 67 Market Street, Poole Monday 2 p.m. Thursday 11 a.m.
 Old Council Buildings, Branksome. Tuesday & Friday 2 p.m.
 Church Hall, Creekmoor. 2nd. Tuesday (monthly) 2.30 p.m.
- (d) Diphtheria Immunisation Clinic
 67 Market Street, Poole. Wednesday 10.30 a.m.
 Old Council Buildings, Branksome. Wednesday 2.30 p.m.
- (e) Orthopaedic Clinic
 67 Market Street, Poole. Twice weekly
- (f) Dental Clinic
 67 Market Street, Poole.)
 Old Council Buildings, Branksome.) By appointment
- (g) Scabies treatment centre
 Longfleet Gardens. By appointment

Hospitals

General Hospital (Voluntary)
 Cornelia & E.D.Hospital, Longfleet Road. Medical, Surgical & Childrens' Beds - 152
 Maternity Beds 9

Infectious Diseases Hospital
 Alderney Hospital, Ringwood Road. Infectious Disease Beds 42

Public Assistance Institution
 Longfleet Gardens. Poor Law Infirmary Beds 105

Tuberculosis Sanatorium
 Dorset County Home, Castle Hill. Tuberculosis Beds -31
 female cases

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Sanitary Inspections

6,432 sanitary inspections of premises were made during the year as the result of complaints or investigations into sanitary conditions.

663 informal notices were served to abate nuisances or remedy defects, and in 27 instances these had to be followed up by the service of Statutory Notices.

Water and Water Supply

(a) Public Water Supplies

During 1942, 1000 yards of new distributing mains were laid, and the Borough Waterworks delivered more water than during any previous year in its history. The new filtration and softening plant was brought into operation during August. In December the total hardness of the Borough water was 8.0 degrees. Frequent chemical and bacteriological examinations were made of the Borough supply, and of the Bournemouth Gas and Water Company's supplies within the Borough. In all cases these were satisfactory.

(b) Private Water Supplies

There are now 90 houses on private water supplies in the Borough (Canford Area); 35 of these are on a piped supply from Canford School, 12 from the piped supply from Canford Reservoir and the remainder from private wells and springs.

129 samples of water from private supplies were taken for bacteriological examination: of these, 121 were satisfactory and 8 unsatisfactory.

During 1942, surveys of all possible sources of supplies for emergency use were made, and 34 samples taken. 25 of these were found satisfactory and 9 unsatisfactory.

Sewerage and Drainage

In unsewered areas no advance was found practicable during the year.

Two cesspool systems were connected to sewers. A total of 579 cesspools are in operation - the same number as in 1941.

During the year 236 drains were repaired or reconstructed. During the same period 50 house drains and fittings were inspected for the issue of Sanitary Certificates.

Cleansing and Scavenging

No change from 1941.

Swimming Baths and Pools

The Blue Lagoon Swimming Pool at Lilliput was taken over by the Council at the end of July 1942.

As a result of an unsatisfactory analysis of the water, the chlorination and aeration plants were overhauled. Samples were again taken and proved satisfactory.

FOOD

Food Premises

During the year inspections of these premises were carried out as follows:-

General food premises (Grocers, greengrocers, warehouses, stores etc.)	1109
Butchers' shops	1590
Fishmongers', fried fish shops, and Fish Market	724
Bakehouses	95
Ice cream premises	17

Considering the war-time difficulties, the standard of all food premises generally was good.

MILK

(a) Routine Inspections and Sampling

The number of routine inspections made during the year was:-

Cowsheds	362
Dairies and Milkshops	433

(b) Cowsheds, Dairies and Milkshops

The number of dealers operating in the Borough is:-

Producers	19
Producer-Retailers	10
Wholesale purveyors	1
Wholesale Retailers	2
Retailers	35
Purveyors of bottled milk only	88

(c) Retail Licences under Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936

Accredited	2
Tuberculin Tested	2
Pasteurised	19

(d) Pasteurisation

Approximately 88 per cent of the milk retailed is pasteurised or heat treated, and approximately 87 per cent of the remainder is Tuberculin Tested or Accredited milk.

During the year 39 samples of pasteurised milk were taken under the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936. These samples were satisfactory to the phosphatase and bacterial count tests.

INSPECTIONS OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

(a) Slaughterhouses

In 1942, the war-time concentration of slaughtering continued

within the Borough, but during the greater part of the year the work was centralised in one slaughterhouse.

537 visits were made to slaughterhouses, involving the inspection of 12,257 carcasses and offals of animals.

Particulars are given in the table on page 18.

During the year the meat condemned in slaughterhouses and butchers' Shops and sent for salvage was:-

Beef	18 tons 3 cwts. 1 qr. 13 lbs.
Pork	4 tons 1 cwt. 3 qrs. 3 lbs.
Mutton	14 cwts. 0 qrs. 14 lbs.
Veal	3 cwts. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.
Offals	12 tons 13 cwts. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.
a total of	35 tons 17 cwts. 3 qrs. 2 lbs.

(b) Other foods condemned at food premises comprised:-

Tinned meat	899 lbs.
Fish	4029 lbs.
Vegetables	408 "
Fruit	346 "
Butter, margarine, lard and cheese	271 "
Cereals	195½ "
Cakes	165
Confectionery	22 "
Bacon	272½ "
Rabbits	52 "
Jam	73 "
Other foodstuffs	103 "
Tinned foodstuffs	3024 tins
Eggs.	1017

(c) Food and Drugs

The Table on page 19 enumerates the samples taken by the Inspectors under the Act and subjected to analysis as to genuineness or presence of preservatives.

Total of all samples 259:- 124 formal and 135 informal. Two formal and two informal samples were adulterated - 1.5 per cent -

a decrease when compared with the figure for 1941 (3.65 per cent).

71 samples of milk were examined and all found genuine.

Average analysis of the samples:- Fat 3.74 per cent, non-fatty solids 8.9 per cent which is very satisfactory.

43 samples of drugs were examined during the year, 40 were genuine and of good quality, and 3 samples had deteriorated owing to the method of storage.

Of 9 samples of butter examined, one sample was adulterated (excessive water) - all the other samples examined were genuine and of good quality.

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

Infectious Diseases

During the year 530 visits were made in connection with infectious diseases and 274 disinfections of premises were carried out. In addition, 52 disinfections were undertaken in other cases of disease.

A.R.P. Shelters

During 1942, 803 inspections of public, communal and school shelters were carried out.

All public and school shelters were disinfected at regular intervals.

Considerable difficulty was experienced in securing the cleanliness of communal shelters, mainly due to the uncertainty as to responsibility.

Schools

During the year, 133 visits of inspection were made; particular attention was paid to the condition of sanitary conveniences. All school premises were disinfected during school holidays.

Disinfestations

51 premises were disinfested for various verminous conditions during the year.

Insect and Pest Destruction

Owing to war-time conditions, this work was curtailed. For the destruction of mosquitoes, 20 visits were paid to public parks, streams, pools etc. and 75 gallons of paraffin used.

13 wasps' nests were destroyed during the year.

Destruction of Rats and Mice

During the year, 178 visits were made to private premises and 35 to public premises. Destruction was carried out by baiting and trapping. Altogether 741 dead rats were found.

Owing to limited staff, routine work for rat eradication was curtailed and premises dealt with were mainly those on which infestations were found as the result of complaints or applications for assistance.

Carcases inspected and condemned during the year 1942

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Totals
Number killed	481	1135	2661	5868	2092	12,257
Number inspected	481	1135	2661	5868	2092	12,257
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	3	8	2	7	2	22
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	50	330	8	1202	319	1,909
Percentage of the number inspected affected with dis- ease other than Tuberculosis	11.0	29.8	0.4	20.6	15.3	15.8
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	5	59	2	-	21	87
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	65	431	9	-	305	810
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	14.6	43.2	0.4	-	15.6	7.4

WORK DONE UNDER THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

	SAMPLES				
	Formal	Informal	Total	Genuine	Adulterated
New Milk	42	29	71	71	-
Baking Powder	1	7	8	8	-
Cake	1	1	2	2	-
Cocoa	8	2	10	10	-
Coffee and Chicory	1	-	1	1	-
Coffee	6	1	7	7	-
Curry Powder	1	4	5	5	-
Egg Substitute	3	7	10	10	-
Flour	4	1	5	5	-
Lard	4	-	4	4	-
Flour, Self-Raising	3	1	4	4	-
Margarine	7	-	7	7	-
Butter	9	-	9	8	1
Cheese	1	-	1	1	-
Meat and Fish Paste	3	5	8	8	-
Mustard	1	5	6	6	-
Pepper	3	7	10	10	-
Oats, Rolled	1	-	1	1	-
Oatmeal	4	1	5	5	-
Rice	1	-	1	1	-
Rice Pudding Powder	1	-	1	1	-
Semolina	1	-	1	1	-
Cornflour	1	-	1	1	-
Custard Powder	4	3	7	7	-
Milk Pudding Mixture	-	1	1	1	-
Sugar	3	-	3	3	-
Spice, Mixed	1	1	2	2	-
Tea	5	-	5	5	-
Grapefruit-flavoured drink	-	1	1	1	-
Gravy Salt	-	2	2	2	-
Oxo	-	1	1	1	-
Soups	-	10	10	10	-
Bisto	-	2	2	2	-
Gravy Powder	-	2	2	2	-
Ground Ginger	-	2	2	2	-
Boracic Acid Powder	1	1	2	2	-
Glauber's Salts	2	5	7	4	3
Epsom Salts	1	9	10	10	-
Aspirin Tablets	-	1	1	1	-
Castor Oil	-	4	4	4	-
Eucalyptus Oil	-	1	1	1	-
Saccharin Tablets	-	1	1	1	-
Bicarbonate of Soda	-	8	8	8	-
Camphorated Oil	-	1	1	1	-
Flowers of Sulphur	-	3	3	3	-
Compound Liquorice Powder	-	5	5	5	-
	124	135	259	255	4

No prosecutions in respect of adulterated samples were instituted

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS

No outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease occurred during 1942.

Three outbreaks of suspected Swine Fever were reported; none was confirmed.

GENERAL

Moveable Dwellings

Four moveable dwellings were in occupation under short term licences and frequent inspections were made during the year.

Common Lodging Houses

Two common lodging houses are registered within the Borough, and 70 visits were made during 1942.

Factories

517 inspections of factories were made during the year.

89 defects were found and remedied; generally no particular difficulties were experienced in this work during the year.

Particulars of the inspections of factories are set out in the table on page 23

Piggeries

During the year 103 piggeries were in existence, and 269 visits were made.

Visits

The total number of inspections made by the Sanitary Inspectors during the year for all purposes was 14,408.

HOUSING

There was a decline in the number and amount of repairs carried out to dwelling houses. This was due mainly to the scarcity of labour and materials. However, repairs were secured to 231 houses during the year.

Details of the inspections etc. made under the Housing Acts are shewn in the following Table.

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HOUSING 1942

I. <u>Inspection of dwelling houses during the year:-</u>	
(1) a. Total number inspected for housing defects	292
b. Number of inspections made	892
(2) a. Number [included under sub-head (i) above] inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925	21
b. Number of inspections	21
(3) Number found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit	5
(4) Number [exclusive of (3)] found not to be in all respects reasonably fit	240
II. <u>Remedy of defects without service of formal notices</u>	
Number rendered fit in consequence of informal action .. .	229
III. <u>Action under Statutory Powers</u>	
(1) <u>Proceedings under sections 9, 20, & 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.</u>	
a. Number of notices served requiring repairs	2
b. Number rendered fit after service of formal notices:	
i. By owners	2
ii. By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
(2) <u>Proceedings under Public Health Act</u>	
a. Number of notices served requiring defects to be remedied	39
b. Number of houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:	
i. By owners	39
ii. By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
(3) <u>Proceedings under sections 11 and 15 of the Housing Act 1936:</u>	
a. Number of Demolition Orders	Nil
b. Number of houses demolished in pursuance	Nil
(4) <u>Proceedings under section 14 of the Housing Act, 1936</u> (Separate tenements or underground rooms)	Nil
IV. <u>Housing Act, 1936 - Overcrowding: Part IV.</u>	
(1) a. Number overcrowded at the end of the year	10
b. Number of families	10
c. Number of persons	94
(2) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	5
(3) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year .. .	6
b. Number of persons concerned in such cases	29½
(4) Particulars of re-crowding	Nil
(5) Any other particulars with regard to overcrowding	Nil

The total number of dwelling houses occupied and void was 21,658. 59 houses were still under construction at the end of the year, work on these having been stopp-d owing to the war.

Year	Over £22 R.V.		Under £22 R.V.		Total		Popul- ation	Persons per Occupied House
	Occupied	Void	Occupied	Void	Occupied	Void		
1941	5263	232	15989	251	21252	483	70000	3.30
1942	5199	197	16072	190	21271	387	70000	3.30

FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACT 1901, AND THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937

1. INSPECTIONS

Premises	Number of		
	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories with mechanical power	373	28	Nil
Factories without mechanical power	144	19	Nil
Other premises	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	517	47	Nil

2. DEFECTS FOUND

Particulars	Number of Defects			Number of defects in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	27	27	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	1	1	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floor	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences:				
insufficient	39	39	-	-
unsuitable or defective	15	15	-	-
not separate for sexes	4	4	-	-
Other offences	3	3	-	-
TOTAL	89	89	Nil	Nil

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED
DURING 1942

Number of cases notified														
	At all ages	Under 1 year	1 - 2 years	2 - 3 years	3 - 4 years	4 - 5 years	5 - 10 years	10 - 15 years	15 - 20 years	20 - 35 years	35 - 45 years	45 - 65 years	65 years & upwards	Removed to Hospital
x														
Diphtheria	74	-	2	4	3	4	26	20	6	3	3	3	-	73
Whooping Cough	154	12	16	18	30	20	52	4	10	1	1	1	-	-
Measles	736	24	36	54	72	91	419	22	5	7	10	13	-	-
Pneumonia	53	-	1	1	1	2	6	3	2	5	1	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever	189	1	2	7	5	10	82	46	10	20	5	7	6	147
Erysipelas	23	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	2	1	1	10	4
Puerperal Pyrexia	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	1	1	-	1
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	5	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	4
Acute Poliomyelitis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Typhoid & Paratyphoid Fever	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Dysentery	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gonococcal Ophthalmia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1243	42	57	86	111	127	587	96	33	41	21	26	17	231

x. Feucial Diphtheria 55
 Diphtheria carriers 8
 Not confirmed as
 diphtheria 11
 Total 74

CASES ADMITTED TO ALDREY HOSPITAL DURING THE YEAR 1942

	POOLE	OUTSIDE DISTRICTS						TOTAL
		Wimborne & Minster R. D.	Wimborne & Cranborne R. D.	M. B. & Wareham R. D.	Swanage & Christchurch	Bladford	Sarvice	
Meningococcal meningitis	4	-	4	-	1	-	2	13
Not confirmed as M.M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Chickenpox	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Diphtheria; Faucial	55	-	2	1	3	-	-	62
Diphtheria; Laryngeal	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Diphtheria carrier	8	-	1	-	1	-	-	9
Not confirmed as Diph.	11	1	2	-	1	-	-	10
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalomyelitis	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	1
Erysipelas	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Infectious Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Influenza	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Malaria	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mumps	5	-	-	-	-	-	17	37
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	37
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Rubella	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Scarlet Fever	148	1	10	1	18	1	5	193
Not confirmed as Scar. F.	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
Typhoid & Paratyphoid	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	4
Typhus (mite type)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	12
TOTAL	243	3	25	6	12	7	86	407

Particulars are given below of the position as regards the incidence of the disease for recent years.

For the year under review, the 'details' are as follows:-

Of the 4 non-pulmonary deaths, one was due to bone disease, one to renal disease, one to tuberculosis of the bladder, and one to tuberculosis of the larynx.

Blind Persons Act, 1920

Care of the blind is a function of the Dorset County Council. Of educable children under 16, there are 4 under the supervision of the Education Committee, viz:-

- 1 boy of school age at home, receiving specialist treatment.
- 3 girls at a residential school or home.

Venereal Diseases

The prevention and treatment of venereal diseases are the responsibility of the Dorset County Council. Poole patients attended at the Royal Victoria and West Hants Hospital, Boscombe, in 1942 to the number of 181. 41 cases were not confirmed, and no fewer than 32 ceased attendance before completion of treatment.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

There was no change or development during 1942 in respect of:-

Midwifery Services; Maternity Services; Health Visiting; Child Life Protection.

Orthopaedic Services

The arrangements for Orthopaedic cases for consultation and treatment at the Cornelia Hospital ceased at June 30th, 1942, and were transferred to the Lord Mayor Treloar's Cripples' Hospital, Alton. Arrangements were made for in-patient treatment at Alton, and for the Orthopaedic Surgeon's Clinic and Remedial Centre at Poole.

Registration of Nursing Homes

No changes in arrangements and no action taken during 1942.

Work done under the Borough Scheme

	1941	1942
(1) <u>Home Visiting</u> (a) to expectant mothers	563	293
(b) to children - under 1 year.	6139	5640
- between 1 and 5	7526	8529
(2) <u>Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics</u>		
(a) Expectant mothers advised or assisted	730	247
(b) Total attendances of children		
under 1 year	3159	4534
over 1 year	1864	2241
(3) <u>Cornelia Hospital Antenatal and Postnatal Clinic</u>		
Antenatal attendances	368	424
Postnatal attendances	104	122
(4) <u>Issues of Milk and Dried Milk</u>	-	-
(5) <u>Hospital Emergency Service for Infants</u>	-	-

(6)	Hospital Emergency Maternity Service	1941	1942
	Ward admissions (see Table below)	75	36

Ophthalmia Neonatorum Two cases occurred.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, 1942, UNDER BOROUGH MATERNITY SCHEME

Number of cases	Reason for Admission	Number of Deliveries		
		M.	F.	Total
2	Expected complication	2	-	2
2	Eclamptic toxæmia	-	2	2
5	Contracted pelvis	4	1	5
1	Elderly multipara, ill health	-	1	1
14	Previous difficult labours	10	4	14
6	Abnormal presentation	5	1	6
2	Antepartum hæmorrhage	2	-	2
1	Retained placenta (twin)	1	1	2
1	Delayed labour	1	-	1
1	Prolapse of anterior wall of vagina	1	-	1
1	Elderly primipara	1	-	1
36		27	10	37

Deaths:- 1 maternal and 1 stillbirth due to Eclamptic toxæmia.
1 stillbirth due to difficult labour.

BIRTHS

	Notified by			Not notified	Total live births	Stillbirths		
	Doctors	Midwives	Parents			Doctors	Midwives	Parents
Legitimate (Male (Female	76 64	529 471	4 6	- -	609 541	4 2	18 18	- -
Illegitimate (Male (Female	2 -	39 27	- 2	- -	41 29	1 1	1 -	- -
Total (Male (Female	78 64	568 498	4 8	- -	650 570	5 3	19 18	- -
GRAND TOTAL	142	1066	12	-	1220	8	37	-

Midwives Acts, 1902 - 1936. The following table is inserted for observation of progress in reduction of maternal mortality, still-births, and neo-natal deaths.

Year	Total Births	DOMICILIARY BIRTHS			Institutional Births	Hospital Births under Scheme	Hospital Emergency Admission under Scheme	Medical Aid Summonses	Maternal Deaths	Neo-natal Deaths	Still-births
		Midwives	Maternity Nurses	Otherwise							
1933	1018	(			)	76	6	75	1	31	48
1934	992	(			)	68	15	106	9	27	32
1935	1046	(	Not available		)	71	11	72	6	41	32
1936	1035	(			)	56	4	78	6	25	38
1937	1049	(			)	74	3	114	4	28	39
1938	1065	437	303	86	239	99	14	110	4	32	39
1939	1045	498	300	-	247	123	24	73	3	27	24
1940	1046	472	276	-	298	76	23	68	4	20	45
1941	1082	418	248	-	416	75	18	48	3	26	36
1942	1265	532	266	-	467	37	13	42	2	32	45

	1941	1942	
Doctors' claims paid	£73. 9.	£46. 9.	6d.
Midwives practising			
Municipal	9	9	
Private, resident	5	5	
Private, non-resident. . . .	2	2	
Institutional	7	12	

Public Health Act, 1936: Foster Parents.

Foster parents on Register	74	77
Active Foster-mothers	36	30
Waiting Foster-mothers	1	-
Visits paid by Inspectors	256	324

Public Health Act, 1936: Registration of Nursing Homes.

Number on Register at end of 1941	14
Added during 1942	2
Closed during 1942	1
Number on Register at end of 1942	15
Number of Visits of Inspection during 1942	24

Borough of Poole Maternity and Child Welfare Association.

The Association maintained its activities throughout the year.

Hants and Dorset Babies Home.

Twenty infants were admitted during the year, 8 of the children

being of mothers belonging to the Borough. The Home is housed temporarily at Hedge End, Turnworth near Blandford.

Red Cross Children's War Memorial Hospital, Swanage.

One child, aged 4, from Poole had the benefit of this recuperative Hospital for a period of six weeks' convalescence.

Scabies Clinic (From Nov. 25th. - Dec. 31st. 1942)

Number of Children (under 5) treated	.. ..	16
Number of treatments given	.. .. .	28

ORTHOPAEDIC TABLE & MATERNITY & CHILD WELFARE.

Defects and Deformities	Added during 1942				Deducted during 1942						Remaining on list at Dec.31 1942	
	End of 1941	Cornelia New cases	Poole New cases	Re-diag- nosed	Total	Transferr- ed to School Medical Service	Discharged by Surgeon	Left District	Crossed off or ceased attendance	Re-diag- nosed cases		Total
Congenital	15	2	2	1	20	4	3	-	2	-	9	11
Traumatic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rheumatic	7	4	4	1	16	-	1	2	2	-	5	11
Paralytic	3	1	1	1	6	2	-	-	-	-	2	4
Postural	23	4	10	-	37	7	1	-	9	3	20	17
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	48	11	17	3	79	13	5	2	13	3	36	45

	Surgeon's Clinic			Remedial Clinic		Hospital		
	Attendances			No. of Cases	Total Attendances	In-patient treatment		Remaining Dec. 31, 1942
	New Cases	Old Cases	Total			Admitted	Discharged	
1942								
Cornelia Hospital Jan-June	11	106	117	6	91	3	3	-
Poole Clinic Sept-Dec.	13	36	49	10	82	-	-	-
Total	24	142	166	16	173	3	3	-

SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE

<u>SCHOOLS</u>	<u>1940</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1942</u>
Number on School Roll	7697	7674	8225
Average Attendance	6838	6818	7474

The official accommodation is:-

Council Schools	4479	Kemp Welch Senior (960)	<u>Total</u>
Non-provided Schools	1842	Henry Harbin Senior (960)	8241

St. James' Girls and Infants, St. Mary's R.C., and South Road Schools were closed at the outbreak of the war, and re-opened as follows:-

St. James' C. E.	5th. January, 1942.
St. Mary's R.C.	12th. January, 1942.
South Road	26th. January, 1942.

St. James' was again closed on account of enemy action on June 4th., 1942, and remained closed until the end of the year.

School Medical Service and Evacuated School Children

	<u>1940</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1942</u>
Number of unaccompanied evacuee school children ..	889	748	558
" " accompanied " " "	175	138	180
" " King Edward " " "			220

Medical Inspection, Finding and Following-up

Summarised, figures for 1942, compared with 1941, are as follows:-

	<u>1942</u>	<u>1941</u>		<u>1942</u>	<u>1941</u>
Examined	2325	2384	Defects of Nose and		
Entrants	869	1060	Throat	53	139
Intermediates	733	682	Dental Defects		
Leavers	723	642	All teeth sound	65.8%	38.4%
Requiring treatment	227	247	1-3 defective	24.5%	33.8%
Specials	3647	3451	4 or more def've	9.7%	27.8%
Uncleanliness	12	35	Orthopaedic defects	3	2
Nutrition			Functional cardiacs	6	-
Malnourished	2	6	Tuberculosis	-	-
Slightly below normal	111	94	Disease of nervous		
Skin diseases	33	39	system	-	1
Visual and external eye			Other defects	-	2
defects	132	98	Vaccinated	19.4%	13.7%

Medical Treatment

	<u>Local</u>	<u>1942</u> <u>Evacuees</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>1941</u> <u>Evacuees</u>
First attendances for each defect	3600	172	2303	349
Diseases of skin				
Ringworm	24	3	31	2
Scabies	187	18	179	15
Impetigo	173	-	100	4
Other skin conditions	177	9	16	16
Minor eye defects	201	12	92	15
Vision: referred for refraction	115	5	93	25
Nose and throat defects	314	11	244	19
Accepted operative treatment	151		183	15
Ear Disease and defective hearing	70	13	51	11
Dental defects	364	14	348	52
Orthopaedic and postural defects	5	-	21	-
Heart disease and rheumatism	6	1	9	1
Tuberculosis and suspected	-	-	-	-
Nervous system (epilepsy, chorea etc)	1	-	1	-
Other diseases and defects	1580	71	914	174

Uncleanliness

	<u>1942</u>	<u>1941</u>
Total number inspected by School Nurse	17811	24948
Number found infested	542	627
Number excluded	154	390

The most notable points of comparison above affect skin conditions, scabies becoming a major consideration.

Orthopaedic Defects

The scheme of examination and treatment of Orthopaedic defects at the Cornelia and East Dorset Hospital ceased on June 30th. 1942.

New arrangements were made with the Lord Mayor Treloar's Cripples Hospital at Alton whereby their visiting Orthopaedic Surgeon, Mr. H. Langston, F.R.C.S. attended in Poole one half day each month, and a qualified masseuse, Mrs. D. Beale, C.S.M.M.G., was engaged to take charge of the remedial classes twice weekly at the School Clinic, Poole. The new arrangements came into force on September 1st. 1942. Four Surgeon's Clinics and 32 Remedial Class Sessions were held from September 1st. 1942, to December 31st. 1942.

The arrangement with Lord Mayor Treloar's Hospital brings Poole into the scheme which has been in operation for some years in the County of Hampshire, and the County Boroughs of Bournemouth, Southampton and Portsmouth.

ORTHOPAEDIC DEFECTS

ANALYSIS

Table 1.

	Under treatment at end of 1941	Added during 1942				Ceased treatment during 1942				Remaining 1942
		Transferred from M. & C.W.	Cornelia Hospital	Pool Clinic	Re-diagnosed cases	Discharged by surgeon	Left School or District	Ceased attendance	Re-diagnosed cases	
Congenital Defects	10	4	2	1	-	-	1	1	2	13
Traumatic Deformities	5	-	-	3	1	1	-	-	-	8
Rachitic Deformities	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	6
Paralytic Deformities	16	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	20
Postural Defects	61	7	-	4	-	20	5	2	-	45
Other Bone Defects	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	9
	100	13	2	16	2	21	6	3	2	101

SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Table II.

Hospital (In-patient) treatment.

	Admitted	Discharged	Remaining Dec. 31. 1942
Cornelia Hospital (Jan-June)	6	6	0
Alton (Sept - December)	1	0	1
Total	7	6	1

	Surgeon's Clinic		Remedial Clinic	
	New Cases	Attendances (Old & New)	No. of children attending	Total attendances
Cornelia Hospital (Jan-July)	6	130	14	321
Poole Clinic (Sept - Dec)	16	76	31	333
Total	22	206	45	654

DENTAL SERVICES.

The appointment of a Dental Nurse to assist at all the Dental Clinics and to undertake all the clerical work in connection with them is an addition to the staff.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

	1940	1941	1942
No. of children completed 2 doses A.P.T.:			
Under School Age	438	631	1352
School Age	1208	2175	1474
No. of children one dose only (not completed):			
Under School Age			267
School Age			345
No. of children who had 3rd. (Booster) dose:			
School Age			545

NUMBER OF CHILDREN EXAMINED DURING THE YEAR FOR SPECIAL DEFECTS AND CLASSIFIED.

(a) Mentally Defective Children.

	Boys	Girls
1. Number examined and reported on	4	2
2. Number awaiting examination and report at end of year	-	-
3. Medical Officer's Classification:-		
(1) Normal	-	-
(2) Dull or Backward	1	-
(3) Feeble-minded	2	-
(4) Imbecile	-	-
(5) Idiot	-	-
(6) Not yet certified	1	2
4. Medical Officer's Recommendations:-		
(1) Re-examination	-	1
(2) Ordinary School	1	-
(3) Special Class for Dull or Backward Children	-	-
(4) Special School for Feeble-minded Children	2	1
(5) Unsuitable for Special School	1	-

(b) Blind or Partially Blind.

Number of cases examined	2
Certified for Special Schools for the Blind	1

(c) Deaf.

Number of cases examined	-
Certified for Special Schools for the Deaf	-

(d) Epileptic.

Number of cases examined	1
Certified for Special Schools . . .	1
To attend Ordinary School .. .	-
Unsuitable for any school .. .	-

(e) Physically defective.

Number of cases examined	-
Classification of defects:-	
(1) Various forms of Paralysis .. .	-
(2) Defects due to other diseases .	-

Recommendations:-

(1) Ordinary Elementary School .. .	-
(2) Special School for Cripples . . .	-
(3) Special Hospital School for Children . . .	-
(4) Open air school	-
(5) Unsuitable for any school . . .	-
(6) Re-examination	-

(f) Number of Children receiving Education in Institutions.

	<u>Admitted before</u> <u>31st. Dec. 1941.</u>	<u>Admitted</u> <u>during</u> <u>1942.</u>	<u>Number at</u> <u>end of</u> <u>1942.</u>
Mental Defectives	6	1	7
Blind or Partially Blind	3	1	4
Deaf	2	1	3
Epilepsy	2	1	3
Physically Defective (Cardiac)	-	1	1

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACT.

The following is the number of children examined in order to determine their fitness for employment:-

Number examined during 1942	to 3590
Certificate refused	1

There is still a large number of boys and girls employed who have not been medically examined, and it appears that the regulations have not been strictly adhered to.

Employment of Children in Entertainments.

During the year no children were examined for entertainments licences.

JUVENILE COURTS.

In connection with the proceedings at Juvenile Courts two children were examined.

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.

The Inspector reported that 105 cases in Poole were investigated during 1942 affecting the welfare of 265 children, of whom 166 were of school age.

In connection with these cases 543 supervision visits were made, and 870 miscellaneous visits of enquiry.

SWANAGE RED CROSS CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

One boy of 8 years old was admitted for a period of 2 weeks to the Swanage Red Cross Children's Memorial Hospital, for convalescence. Owing to war conditions the number of patients received has had to be considerably reduced.

P O R T H E A L T H .

Port Medical Officer's Report.
(Abbreviated)

- I. No. of Vessels inspected 112
 " " " found defective . . . 7
 " " Defects remedied 7
- II. Character of Trade of the Port .. No change.
- III. Source of Water Supply No change.
- IV. Port Sanitary Regulations, 1933 .. No change.
- V. Measures against Rodents: No change.
 Rats destroyed 32
- VI. Hygiene of Crews' Spaces;
 No structural defects were found. Seven instances of
 unhygienic conditions and vermin were dealt with.
- VII. Food Inspection and Shellfish .. No change.

A detailed report on the activities of the Port Medical Officer has been compiled and will be submitted on the cessation of hostilities.
